Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Centres functioning
9.	Miozpram	1
10.	New Delhi	7
11.	Orissa	1
12.	Punjab	1
13.	Rajasthan	2
14.	Tamil Nadu	7
15.	Uttar Pradesh	4
16.	West Bengal	24
	TOTAL	84

Funds for Coaching of SC and ST Candidates

870. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided for coaching of SC and ST candidates for competitive examinations held by UPSC, SSC etc. during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a need to increase the coaching facilities in every State; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in that direction in Orissa during the last three years and proposed for every State in 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The amount provided as Central Assistance to the State Governments/UTs/NGO's for coaching of SC/ST candidates for Competitive examination held by UPSC, SSC etc. during last three years is as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Year	Amount Released
1.	1995-96	205.36
2.	1996-97	187.63
3.	1997-98	174.57

(b) and (c) The adequacy or otherwise of coaching facilities is required to be evaluated by the respective State/U.T. Government who recommend any addition to the present facilities as and when required during the last three years proposal for new Pre-Examination Training Centres (TETCs) were received from various State Government and Centre Assistance was released to two new PETCs viz. Kurukashetra University (Haryana) and L. C. Institute of Social and Applied Science, Bhubaneshwar (Orissa).

Implementation of Welfare Schemes

871. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minsiter of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the different welfare schemes under his Ministry being implemented in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and till now, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Information is given in the Statements attached (*See* below).

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Names of Welfare schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

I. Scheduled Castes Welfare

1. Special Central Assistance to

Special Component Plan.

2. Post-Matric Scholarship
3. Implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
4. Girls Hostels for SCs.
5. Boys Hostels for SCs.
6. Sacheduled Castes Development Corporation.
7. Book Banks for SCs and STs.
8. National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers.
9. Pre-matric Schoalrship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations.
10. Assistance to NGOs.
11. Coaching and Allied Scheme for SCs and STs.
12. Supporting Project of All-India Nature of SCs.
13. Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls.
14. Upgradation of Merit of SC and ST students.

II. Tribal Welfare

1. Girls Hostels for STs.
2. Boys Hostels for STs.
3. Ashram Schools for STs.
4. Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for development of women.
5. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.
6. Vocational Training Centres.
7. Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan.
8. Grant of Assistance under Art, 275(1) of Constitution.
9. State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations.
10. Research and Training.
11. Grain Bank

III. Welfare of Other Backward Classes

1. Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs.
2. Pre-Matric Schoalrship for OBC students.
3. Post-matric Scholarship for OBC students.
4. Hostels for OBC students.
5. Aid to Voluntary Organisations.

IV. Minorities Welfare

1. Pre-examination Coaching Scheme.
2. Multi-sectoral Development Plans.

V. Welfare of Disabled.

1. Assistance to Disabled for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances.
2. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for the Disabled.
3. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for setting up of Special Schools.
4. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Rehabilitation of Leprosy cured persons.
5. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Manpower Develpment in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation.
6. Scheme of employment of handicapped.

VI. Social Defence:

1. Welfare of Street Children.
2. Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Mal-adjustment.
3. Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations/Self-Help Groups for construction of Old

Age Homes/Multi-Service Centres for older persons.

4. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for programmes relating to aged.

5. General grant-in-aid scheme for programmes relating to social defence services.

6. Scheme for prohibition and drug abuse prevention.

7. Sishu-Grah Scheme.

8. Promotion of in-country adoption.

ST Status to 'Argon Muslim' of Ladakh

872. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether eight tribes of Ladakh have been granted S.T. status in 1989 covering 95 per cent of nearly 2 lakh population;

(b) whether Government are aware that a microscopic minority called Argon Muslim has not been granted S.T. status till date, even though the claim for ST status by the said community was supported by others, including the Jammu & Kashmir Government; and

(c) if so, the present status and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Backlog of Reserved Vacancies in Welfare Ministry

873. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total backlog of reserved vacancies in different cadres/posts in his Ministry;

(b) the total number of posts filled up during the last three years;

(c) whether the established criteria to clear the backlog was followed during this period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The total backlog of reserved vacancies in different cadres/posts is Five (5) as on date.

(b) The total no. of posts filled up during 1995—98 is Fifty (50) including SC-11, ST-3, OBC-9.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The filling up of vacancies including reserved vacancies & backlog is done by this Ministry on receiving suitable nominations from Department of Personnal and Training out of the candidates qualifying different exams conducted by UPSC/SSC. All relevant Government instructions are followed while intimating the backlog vacancies & making appointments against backlog.

NGO Working for the Welfare of STs

874. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes, State-wise; and

(b) the names and details of such NGOs with their areas of activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 185, Annexure No. 24]